

Utah Wildlife Board Meeting

October 3, 2019, DNR Auditorium

1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah

The Board Meeting will stream live at https://youtu.be/9u8ycoiCt_0

AGENDA

Thursday, October 3, 2019, Board Meeting 9:00 am

1. Approval of Agenda ACTION
– Byron Bateman, Chairman
2. Approval of Minutes ACTION
– Byron Bateman, Chairman
3. Old Business/Action Log CONTINGENT
– Kevin Albrecht, Vice-Chair
Bighorn Sheep MOU Report – Jace Taylor
4. DWR Update INFORMATION
– Mike Fowlks, DWR Director
5. Fishing Informational INFORMATIONAL
– Craig Walker, Sportfish Assistant Chief
6. R657-59 Private Fish Ponds Rule Amendments ACTION
– Randy Oplinger, Coldwater Sportfish Coordinator
7. Bighorn Sheep Unit Management Plans ACTION
– Jace Taylor, Bighorn Sheep/Mountain Goat Biologist
8. Conservation Permit Audit ACTION
– Kenny Johnson, Administrative Services Section Chief
9. Conservation Permit Annual Report INFORMATIONAL
– Justin Shannon, Wildlife Section Chief
10. Conservation Permit Variance Request ACTION
– Darren DeBlois, Game Mammals Program Coordinator
11. Fee Review INFORMATIONAL
– Kenny Johnson, Administrative Services Section Chief
12. 2020 RAC/Board Dates ACTION
– Staci Coons, Wildlife Board Coordinator
13. Wildlife Board Stipulations ACTION
– Greg Hansen, Assistant Attorney General
14. Other Business CONTINGENT
– Byron Bateman, Chairman

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Summary of Motions

1) Approval of Agenda (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda for the October 3 Wildlife meeting.

2) Approval of Minutes (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the August 22, 2019 Wildlife Board Meeting.

3) R657-59 Private Fish Ponds Rule Amendments (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Wade Heaton, seconded by Randy Dearth and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve R657-59 Private Fish Ponds Rule Amendments with the updated definition except for the exclusion of Washington County.

4) Bighorn Sheep Unit Management Plans (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Randy Dearth and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Bighorn Sheep Unit Management Plans as presented with revised language for the following units: Antelope Island, Nine Mile, Book Cliffs Rattlesnake, Oquirrh/Stansbury, and Uinta Mountain.

5) Conservation Permit Audit (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Karl Hirst and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Conservation Permit Audit as presented.

6) Conservation Permit Variance Request (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Kevin Albrecht, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Conservation Permit Variance Request as presented.

7) 2020 RAC/Board Dates

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Randy Dearth and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the 2020 RAC/Board Dates with the date adjustments.

8) Wildlife Board Stipulations (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the stipulation to reduce Craig B. Cowan's suspension to 20 months.

9) Other Business (**Contingent**)

The Board agreed to send Kevin Albrecht and Randy Dearth to the 2020 mid-winter WAFWA conference in Monterey, California.

Approved

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Attendance

Wildlife Board

Byron Bateman – Chair	Karl Hirst
Kevin Albrecht – Vice-Chair	Donnie Hunter
Mike Fowlks – Exec Secretary	Randy Dearth
	Wade Heaton
	Bret Selman

RAC Chairs

Central – Brock McMillan
Southern – Brayden Richmond
Southeastern – Trisha Hedin
Northeastern – Brett Prevedel
Northern – Justin Oliver

Division Personnel

Mike Canning	Paul Gedge	Dax Mangus
Ashley Green	Mike Christensen	Randy Wood
Robin Cahoon	Staci Coons	Riley Peck
Jason Vernon	Thu Vo-Wood	Guy Wallace
Miles Hanberg	Greg Hansen	Teresa Griffin
Chris Wood	Marty Bushman	Jim Christensen
Kevin Bunnell	Faith Jolley	Austin Grimes
Drew Cushing	Craig Walker	Trina Hedrick
Rick Olson	Darren DeBloois	Chris Penne
Justin Shannon	Jace Taylor	Lindy Varney
Kenny Johnson	Randy Oplinger	

Public Present

Roger Wilson	Troy Justensen – SFW
Bryce Pilling	Ken Strong – SFW
Peggy Bateman	Spencer Gibbons – Utah Farm Bureau
Robert Judd	Troy Forrest – UDAF
Wade Garrett	Miles Moretti – MDF

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- 00:00:08** Chairman Bateman called the meeting to order, welcomed the audience, explained the meeting procedure, and introduced Board and RAC members.
- 00:3:00** **1) Approval of Agenda (Action)**
The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.
MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda for the October 3 Wildlife meeting.
- 00:03:27** **2) Approval of Minutes (Action)**
The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.
MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the August 22, 2019 Wildlife Board Meeting.
- 00:03:55** **3) Old Business/Action Log (Contingent)**
Jace Taylor updated the Board on the completion of the bighorn sheep MOU.
- 00:05:18** **4) DWR Update (Informational)**
Mike Fowlks updated the Board on hunts and season dates, licensing sales, habitat projects, aquatics programs and restocking, and law enforcement recruitment.
- 00:09:23** **5) Fishing Informational (Informational)**
Craig Walker presented two fishing informationals. The first is "Tailoring Angler Opportunities to Meet Angler Needs".
The second presentation is "Simplifying COR for FishingTournaments".
- 00:33:03**
- 00:29:34** **Board/RAC Questions**
The board asked about performance measures in relation to meeting public needs, expressed concerns/caution for suggested changes, and nonresident gaps.
- 00:42:52** The board asked about backlog, tournament request count, COR automation process.
- 00:45:45** **6) R657-59 Private Fish Ponds Rule Amendments(Action)**
Randy Oplinger presented the rule amendments.
- 00:54:52** **Board/RAC Questions**
The board asked if the COR online process could be incorporated into this and definition clarification.

00:59:56 RAC Recommendations

01:04:36 All RACs, with exception of Southern RAC, unanimously passed the rule amendments. Southern RAC did not have a quorum.

01:00:16 Public Comments

Public comments accepted at this time.

01:06:42 Board Discussion

Chairman Bateman summarized the RAC motions. The Board discussed the automation process for COR, verbiage changes and Washington County exclusion after RAC votes, and discharging water in rural areas.

The following motion was made by Wade Heaton, seconded by Randy Dearth and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept R657-59 Private Fish Ponds Rule Amendments with the updated definition except for the exclusion of Washington County.

01:14:37 7) Bighorn Sheep Unit Management Plans (Action)

Jace Taylor presented the unit management plans.

01:25:08 Board/RAC Questions

The board asked about the sheep management plan cycle and baiting.

01:28:21 RAC Recommendations

Central RAC unanimously passed the management plans. Northern RAC also unanimously passed the management plans with a stipulation. Southeastern and Northeastern RACs passed the plans with varying dissent and language changes. Southern RAC did not have a quorum.

Jace addressed the language changes and other board questions.

01:46:24 Public Comments

Public comments accepted at this time.

01:51:41 Board Discussion

Chairman Bateman summarized the RAC motions and the Board discussed.

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Randy Dearth and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Bighorn Sheep Unit Management Plans as presented with revised language for the following units: Antelope Island, Nine Mile, Book Cliffs Rattlesnake, Oquirrh/Stansbury, and Uinta Mountain.

01:56:01 8) Conservation Permit Audit (Action)

Kenny Johnson presented the audit.

02:04:20 Public Comments

Public comments accepted at this time.

02:06:56 Board Discussion

The Board expressed appreciation for the transparency of the program.

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Karl Hirst and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Conservation Permit Audit as presented.

02:09:02 9) Conservation Permit Annual Report (Informational)

Justin Shannon presented the annual report.

02:15:28 10) Conservation Permit Variance Request (Action)

Darren DeBlois presented the variance.

02:18:00 Board Discussion

The following motion was made by Kevin Albrecht, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Conservation Permit Variance Request as presented.

02:18:32 11) Fee Review (Informational)

Kenny presented the fee review.

02:22:03 12) 2020 RAC/Board Dates (Action)

Staci Coons presented the 2020 proposed meeting dates.

02:24:19 Board Discussion

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Randy Dearth and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the 2020 RAC/Board Dates with the date adjustments.

02:25:46 13) Wildlife Board Stipulations (Action)

Greg Hansen presented the stipulation for Craig B. Cowan.

02:27:42 Board Discussion

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the stipulation to reduce Craig B. Cowan's suspension to 20 months.

02:29:06 **14) Other Business** (Contingent)

Mike Fowlks discussed WAFWA 2020 and mid-winter WAFWA in Monterey, California. The Board agreed to send Kevin Albrecht and Randy Dearth to mid-winter WAFWA.

02:30:56 Meeting adjourned.

Approved